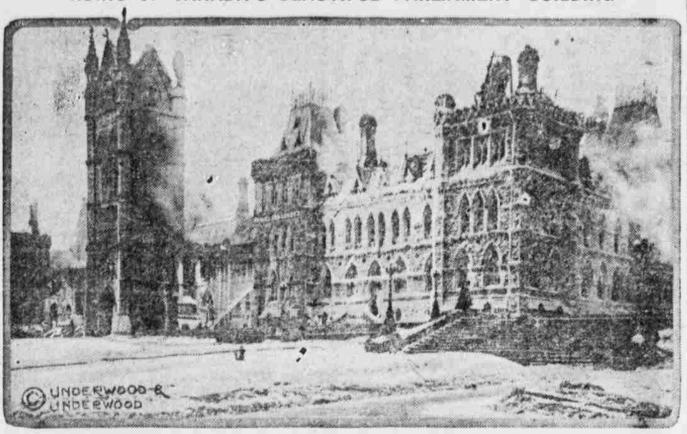
RUINS OF CANADA'S BEAUTIFUL PARLIAMENT BUILDING



The still smoking ruins here shown is all that remains of the beautiful house of parliament of the Dominion of Canada at Ottawa, Ont. The building was destroyed by fire said to have been of incendiary origin.

Rural Districts in South Mexico Are Ravaged.

Robberies and Murders of Daily Occurrence, Some of Them Just Outside Vera Cruz City-Suspects Executed on Spot.

Vera Cruz, Mexico.-It is dangerous for unprotected travelers to venture into the region that lies between Vera Cruz and the City of Mexico. Bandits are in complete possession of the rural districts. Reports of robberies and murders by brigands are received here daily. Some of these crimes are committed almost within the precincts of the city. Railroad travel is so hazardous that few people care to undertake the journey between here and the capital. Almost every passenger train is held up and its passengers robbed. The old-time method of freighting by ox team was recently put into practice on the route between Jalapa and Vera Cruz on account of the uncertainty of transportation on the railroad. All of these freighting wagons are accompanied by guards of sol-

Never, even in the period immediately following Diaz's ascending to the presidency, has there been witnessed such widespread brigandage as is now going on all over southern Mexico. The bandits are numbered by the thousands. They operate boldly. without any attempt being made to molest them except in the larger the direction of Aviator Beeche. The villages and rural communities are at their complete mercy. leave Vera Cruz for interior towns height of 2,000 feet. arrive with their loads; almost invariably they are held up and looted of the merchandise.

tiful city of Jalapa, capital of the most free from depredations. state of Vera Cruz, brigandage is so rife that many of the coffee planters and other rural residents have been forced to seek refuge in the town.

In the state of Oaxaca, where an independent government has been in existence for two years, an effort is being made to put an end to brigandage by executing on the spot all persons who cannot give a good account of themselves. The more remote mining districts of Oaxaca are said to be

LEADER IN NAVAL CIRCLES



Mrs. Reginald Nicholson, wife of Adtional capital. Admiral Nicholson is on the retired list.

WOMAN LOOPS THE LOOP



Miss Lucille Taft has been perfecting herself in the art of flying under home. When she refused, fuel and practically impossible, and this highcently Miss Taft sneaked the machine out when nobody was looking and Very few of the wagon trains that made three spectacular loops at a

In the mountains around the beau- tied portions, however, are now al-

Since the American troops evacuworse and they have resulted in much sickness-vellow fever, typhus and Vera Cruz the most sanitary city in outlying sections, where the poor people live, are neglected, and it is in those places that epidemics have occurred.

MAY BAR "PROXY" BRIDES

New Immigration Bill Would Abolish Japanese Marriages on "Picture" Plan.

Washington.-The "proxy" or "picture" bride system, by which Japanese in this country select a wife from pictures, have a friend at home marry her by proxy, and then bring her into the United States, is going to be abolished if the new immigration bill becomes a law.

Between 2,000 and 3,000 Japanese women were brought into the United States and Hawaii last year by this method. Chairman Burnett of the immigration committee said. "Too often these proxy brides become slaves and their husbands proceed to obtain other wives from Japan in the same

WANT STREET NAME CHANGED

Paris People Would Have "Avenue de Sofia" Made Something More Pro-Ally.

Paris.-Paris has long since renamed such streets as the Rue de Berlin, the Rue d'Allemagne and others of equally offending nomenclature. Why, then, asks the Figaro, is the to remain?

"frue, it is only 50 meters long, but its two name plates are constant re- lowed the tack, which was among sevminders of the capital of a nation that eral he was holding in his mouth. miral Nicholson, U. S. N. She is con- is our enemy and a ruler for whom | Since then he has had frequent coughsidered one of the most prominent we have contempt. We have received ing spells, some of which were achostesses in naval circles in the na- many letters inquiring when this thor- companied by hemorrhage, but there oughfare is to be renamed. The mu- was no suspicion that the tack was in nicipal council ought to take action." his throat.

Aged Woman Gives Up Twenty Years' Struggle.

Since Passing Scriptural Age Limit Her Life Has Borne Out Biblical Promise of Labor and Sorrow.

St. Paul.-After a twenty years struggle to remain independent, Mrs. Delia Maxwell, eighty-eight years old, was taken to the City hospital to live out the remainder of her life. Officials of the Wilder charities found her ill Eaton streets and took her away in an ambulance.

progenitors, have been Mrs. Maxwell's lifelong companions, were left with assure such life there must be ease of neighbors, and she was told that she communication and transportation, might have them near her in her new

For four years charity workers have tried to get Mrs. Maxwell to go to characteristic evils of rural life grow some institution where she might live out of isolation. Except for a few rare comfortably, but she persistently refused to listen to such proposals for fear she would be separated from her

cluded basement or tenement, hiding | great highway between Washington to induce her to enter a charitable mobiles sink to the hubs and traffic is changed.

Since passing the three-score-and-ten scriptural age limit, Mrs. Maxwell's life had borne out the biblical promise badly infested. The more thickly set- of being filled with labor and sorrow. About twenty years ago her husband, who was a bookkeeper in one of the city offices, died. Their life was comated Vera Cruz sanitary and health fortable, but the husband's salary had conditions here have grown gradually given little opportunity to save and he left but a small estate.

Mrs. Maxwell invested her little insmallpox. The American soldiers left heritance in a horse and tiny farm in one of the suburbs. She planned to Mexico. Some pretense of keeping live by marketing and keeping blooded the city clean is still made, but it is cats and chickens. But shortly after confined to the business districts. The this one of her legs was broken. It was badly set and left her a permanent cripple. She stayed on the farm fifteen years, gradually getting into debt. Then her horse died. She had become so feeble she had to give up her farm She sold it for little more than enough to pay her debts and came to town, planning to earn as much as possible with her chickens and cats. The Loving Kindness branch of the Sunshine society discovered her soon after she returned to town. She was in need. The branch provided for her since that time, when she could be found. The Wilder and Associated charities helped. The board of control saw that she was supplied with coal,

On Christmas day charity workers found Mrs. Maxwell one of the hap piest of their charges. With plenty of coal and frequent baskets of provisions and with her pets she was more cheer ful than many who had all that money could buy, she told them. A day of two ago, however, the aged woman became so ill she had to take to her bed. Then it was decided that her wishes at last must be overruled and the ambulance took her sway from her pets to the hospital.

COUGHS UP CARPET TACK

Kentucky Youth Is at Last Relieved of Irritating Throat Trouble by Coughing Fit.

Hickman, Ky .- In the midst of a fit of coughing, Earl, son of Mr. and Mrs E. Bettersworth, expelled a carpet name of the Avenue de Sofia allowed tack which he accidentally swallowed in September.

While making a kite the youth swal-



\$300,000,000 LOSS IS SEEN

Two Million Miles of Unimproved Highways in United States-Farmers Blamed for Condition.

"There are 6,500,000 farmers in the United States, the most of whom raise something for the market." says the

American Highway association. "They have been described by Dr. T. N. Carver, the Harvard university expert in economics who was engaged last year by the department of agriculture * draw plans for the organization of a rural community, as temperamentally an independent, head strong, individualistic class, and, therefore, difficult to organize. That they are 'difficult to organize' is evidenced by the fact that there are 2,000,000 miles of unimproved public roads in the United States over which they must haul their products to market at a loss of approximately \$300, 000,000 every year, or about the total assessed value of property, real and personal, in South Carolina, That they are 'independent' of good roads to their own great loss is evidenced by the enormous waste of both money and muscle in trying to do business without good roads and their apparent lack of interest in compelling their representatives in legislatures and congress to provide bighways for their service.

"Good roads are equally necessary to 'both the production and distribution of farm products.' 'They are prerequisite,' says Mr. Houston, secretary of agriculture, in his last annual report, 'not only to economical production and distribution, but to the promotion of the broader life of communities. The great need, obviously, is for roads which will get products from the farm to the nearest railway stahe cannot sow or reap, and to haul at to consolidated schools and to enjoy comfortably his social enterprises.' Three Angora cats, which, with their | There can be, indeed, no such thing as community life without good roads. To and, as Doctor Carver expressed it, 'as the characteristic evils of urban life grow out of congestion, so do the souls, isolation means stagnation.'

"As a rule, town schools are better than country schools because the means of transportation, or the streets At intervals she would be lost sight and roads, are better in the towns of, to be discovered later in some sel than in the country. On the so-called herself and her feline companions, and Richmond there is a stretch of With each rediscovery of the aged about fifteen miles on which in the woman a new effort would be made fall and winter farm wagons and autofood would be brought. But, once dis- | way between the two capitals must be covered, her place of abode was soon | judged by the soft and not the hard



Subgrade Prepared for Concrete Pave ment.

spots. In regions where the roads have been improved the farmers are the most prosperous and community life has been developed. In regions where the roads have not been improved the schools, the churches and all other civilizing agencies have run

"Within the last few years there have been formed 12,000 or 15,000 associations of one sort and another among the farmers, fruit growers and others looking to the economic handling of their business. But there can be no adequate co-operation among farmers without the first essential of the best farming success-good public roads. Improved highways mean improved farming, increased values of farming lands, improved standards of farming products, improved banking mean: and facilities, improved country schools, churches and homes. Without improved public highways there will continue the fearful economic waste which has operated against the prosperity of the farmers and made them the prey of the combinations which have fattened on their spoil."

Calf Must Have Roughage.

Being a ruminant, the calf will not thrive unless supplied with some roughage, for the stomach needs bulky feeds to develop the capacity and to start the secretion of the digestive juices.

A Roup Preventive. We have no cure for roup, but here

is a recipe for prevention: Clean quarters, which means freedom from insect pests, clean floor, new earth if the floor is of dirt, regular cleaning, not necessarily daily

The orange tree is the only one which bears fruit and blossoms at the same time.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the riginal little liver pills put up 40 years ago. They regulate liver and bowels .- Adv.

Seaweed is made into a composition to take the place of bone for has dles of cutlery.

Escaped Unshorn. "I hear that you've been playing the

stock market. Have any luck?" "Great! Came out exactly even."

Use Murine after Exposure in Cold, Cutting Winds and Dust. It Restores, Refreshes and Promotes Eye Health, Good for all Eyes that Need Care. Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago, Sends Eye Book on request.

Claims Greatest Oil Land Control. E. J. Doheny, president of the Mexcan Petroleum company, has announced "nat the new \$150,000,000 Pan-American Petroleum and Transport company will control the largest oil territory in the world under a single ownership.

Important to Mothers
Examine carefully every bottle of
CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it Bears the

Signature of Charly In Use for Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria Affected by "War Business."

The population of Bridgeport, Conn., is estimated to have increased during the present year by about 35,000 -growing from 115,000 to 150,000. Twenty thousand persons are said to be employed in Bridgeport by one concern, in three shifts of eight hours each. This phenomenal activity is the result of "war business"

Claims Lye Is Not Injurious. Prof. M. E. Jaffa of the California state board of health denies that, as is generally believed, lye-peeled peaches are more injurious to health than hand-peeled fruits. The food value, quality and flavor are unchanged, and tion, enabling the farmer to haul when | it is impossible to distinguish one from the other except by the knife marks in a desolate basement at State and a lower rate, to transport his children of the hand-peeled product, he says. Analyses show that the acidity of the fruit is not affected by the use of lye in the peeling process.

On the Watch.

There is a species of sentry groups employed near the trenches. They are called "listening patrols" and their duties are to be always on the alert and give timely warning of any attempted attack. One night an officer on his rounds inspecting a listening patrol stationed on an empty farm asked: 'Who are you?"

The reply was: "Listenin' patrol,

'What are your duties?" "We listen for the hen cacklin', and WATCH

Especially if you have any symptoms of Stomach, Liver or Bowel weakness, such as

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Always be on the safe side by resorting to the famous

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promptly. It helps Nature.

WOMAN'S WORK IN THE WORLD

Activities of the "Weaker Sex" Prominent Along Practically All Lines of Endeavor.

More women are employed in the manufacture of clothing than any other industry in Pennsylvania.

The Duchess of Norfolk has a collection of parasols of all countries, said to be worth \$2,500,

Two thousand women will serve as judges and clerks of election in Chicago this year, for which they will receive \$7 per day.

Thousands of women have been thrown out of work in Massachusetts since the operation of the minimum wage law went into effect.

The first savings bank was instituted by a woman, Priscilla Wakefield, who inaugurated a bank scheme for the encouragement of thrift among children of Tottenham toward the end of the eighteenth century.

A remarkable translation of Nicholas Statham's "Abridgement of Law," an old English book, which has baffled translators for years, has just been completed by Mrs. Margaret C. Klingensmith, a member of the Pennsylvania bar. It took Mrs. Klingensmith fifteen years to complete the translation, which will be published in the near future.

Seek to Solve Big Problem.

Two English scientists, who are experimenting, expect to solve the problem of producing electricity directly from coal without using a steam engine and dynamo.

Concrete post bases to give longer life to worn-out fence posts have been patented by a New York inventor.



you would build for efficient service now and for generations to come.

The "Road to Wellville" is built that way. And the password to that road is "right living," in which food and drink play such a big part.

More and more people are waking up to the need of banishing from the dietary heavy, indigestible foods, and food deficient in the vitalizing mineral salts. Food scientists now hold that the lack of these elements is one of the chief causes of a long list of ills, including anemia, constipation, nervous prostration, kidney trouble, and so on.

Long ago a food-now famous-was devised to make up for this lack, and it does it admirably.

That food is

Grape-Nuts

Made of whole wheat and barley, it contains all the nutrition of the grain, including those vital elementsphosphate of potash, etc.-which are indispensable for perfect balance of body, brain and nerves, and for warding off disease.

This food comes ready to eat, is economical, and delicious. Digests quickly-generally in about one hour-and is full of health-making goodness.

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